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Dear Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2006 has been received and reviewed. The pending claims are claims 1-3, 7-15, and 29-43.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, in view of the following comments, are respectfully requested.

**The 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection**

Claims 1-3, 7-15, and 29-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 669 121 A1 (hereinafter EP '121). Applicants respectfully traverse the stated rejection.